

Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, June 13th, 2022 Meeting
7pm to 8pm, Kent Town Hall
25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512

Call to order with Pledge of Allegiance, 7:00pm

Roll Call of Board Members

In Attendance

Jeanne Garbarino, Vice Chair
Siobhan Carey
Jerri Jacobs
Pat Madigan
Robert Ulich
Cathy Vargas

Town Board Liaison

Councilman Chris Ruthven, Town Board Liaison

In Absentia

Walter Recher, Chair
Joe Fleischman
Joe Nemeth

Town Board Liaison

Supervisor Jaime McGlasson

Minutes from June meeting topics for discussion

1. Summer Festival – date scheduled for July 30th
 - a. LCPDAB is in the active planning stages for this event. One thing we are looking into this year that is different from previous years are food trucks instead of grills/tents. The county festival, being held at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park on July 16th, is using food trucks. Our team will liaise with the county festival team, too, to learn additional details.
2. Fishing Derby planning update – June 25th event date
 - a. Board member Bobby Ulich reported the progress of the Fishing Derby planning and included updates regarding supplies: Blue Wave Bait and Tackle (Mahopac) supplying worms for the event; Amit Patel from Gino's Grab and Go providing snacks and coffee.
3. Liaisons – update on Lifeguards and beach openings
 - a. Beaches open full time June 25th. We've been able to hire more lifeguards than in previous years, and will likely be able to open all beaches during the summer with full staffing.
4. Liaisons – Training session w Lake Manager for sampling (session to be scheduled for end of June)

- a. We will move ahead with the LCPDAB volunteer team to work with our new lake manager from Princeton Hydro. If needed, a town staff member could be made available to help out. LCPDAB members will report back with more information on whether this is necessary.
5. Liaisons – Lake Management recommendations on equipment, treatments, and wildlife/geese mitigation
 - a. Discussed the lake weed harvester, which is currently in the shop as the primary equipment that Town of Kent has for Lake Carmel. Additionally, discussed how copper sulfate has been used to treat harmful algae blooms (HABs). All records of this is available from the Lake Carmel Clerk's office.
6. Liaisons – Update on community repairs / maintenance and request for timeline
 - a. Painting (benches, fences): the chair at Beach 3 has been painted. The parks team will be moving ahead with more painting over the summer and fall.
 - b. Beach renovations (beaches 2, 4, 7): Chazen, out of Rochester, NY, is the engineering firm that is working with the Town of Kent on this. A survey crew and an ecologist have been to our beaches and a preliminary report of their findings is expected for July 1.
 - c. Beach fencing (2, 3): beach 3 fencing will remain as is for now; the small posts surrounding beach 2, currently natural wood, may be painted white at some point.
 - d. Beach sign replacements (2, 3, 4, 7): In progress
 - e. Fishing dock timeline: inconclusive
 - f. Sand reclamation: inconclusive
7. Liaisons - Update on bridge and dam renovation engineering study by Insite Engineering Firm
 - a. There has been some activity on this and we were reminded that all we have for this project is a grant for a study and set of recommendations. We do not have the funds at this point to actually move forward with these recommendations. As such, we will need to fundraise (the expected cost for this project is around \$5.5M). It was suggested that we work with our congressional representatives to tap into state and federal funds.
8. Liaisons - Update on East of Hudson engineering study for former Beach 5/Limni property
 - a. There continues to be a lack of contact from the East of Hudson firm. This firm had committed to us a recalculation to confirm (or refute) the previous study.

Public Comment

1. Discussion around Beach 5 volleyball court: there had been discussion of renovating this court, however, it was suggested that it might be a better idea to move this to a different location along the lake altogether, possibly the former private beach. The LCPDAB will meet to discuss this in an upcoming workshop.
2. LC Resident asked if all retired American Flags be donated to United for the Troops initiative in which individual stars are cut from the flag and sent, with a poem, to active duty troops. <https://unitedforthetroops.org/>. This will be something that the LCPDAB will do with all retired American flags.
3. LC Resident shared information about an incident about fishing on docks that required police involvement and requested that more signage and community education be implemented to prevent residents from fishing off docks and in swimming areas.